

GOV BELLO TO PARTNER FUTMINNA ON QUALITY SEED PRODUCTION

| By Aliyu Jidda Ibrahim



DR. HARUNA EXPLAINING ISSUE TO THE UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT, HON. COMMISSIONER FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, THE DG NASC AND THE LOCAL FARMERS

PHOTO BY: ELIJAH YISA

Niger State Governor, Alh. Abubakar Sani Bello has expressed readiness to collaborate with the Federal University of Technology, Minna on the production of quality seeds.

The governor indicated the interest during a speech at the opening ceremony of the Adopted School programme for Quality Seed Extension at the University demonstration farm in collaboration with National Agricultural Seeds Council, and seed merchants.

Gov. Bello who was represented by the Hon. Commissioner in the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development Engr. Ibrahim Muhammad Panti, said that the aim of their government was to see that every person in the state becomes a farmer.

He added that they are equally training some youths in the state on modern agricultural techniques.

On his part, the Director General, National Agricultural Seeds Council (NASC), Dr. Philip Olusegun Ojo, who expressed delight at delivering the keynote address for the 2021 Farmers' Field Day on Adopted Schools and Colleges Seed Demonstration programme organized by his Council in collaboration with the University and Seed Companies said it is heart-warming to note that the event is geared towards creating the necessary awareness among students, farmers and the farming community on the need to adopt good quality seeds.

On extending its services, the DG disclosed that the Council has

been working closely with Secondary Schools and Colleges across the six geopolitical zones of the country and had established five demonstration plots in each of the zones as well as in three universities.

He reiterated that at the international level, they were collaborating with embassies of different countries.

Speaking earlier, Chief Host of the Ceremony and Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, FSSSN, opined that it was good that the programme came to the institution closely with the establishment of the Horticulture Department.

He therefore declared that the University would start operating a one-department

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one-product policy, in which the department of Horticulture has already taken the lead.

Prof. Bala registered his appreciation to the DG for the relationship already established, just as he indicated that the University is willing to explore further cooperation with the Council in the areas of seed production and marketing.

Dr. Ishaq Khalid, Director Seed Certification and Quality Control, commended the VC over his passion for good quality seed.

He added that the University is strategically located for the economic production of yam and other food crops.

In his speech, the Head, Department of Horticulture, Dr. Haruna Ibrahim disclosed that "very soon

a seed centre shall be established in the institution and many other things shall follow."

He noted that the aim of FUT Minna is to be a major seed regulatory body and to change the psyche of Nigeria famers, by enlightening them that as they save money for fertilizer, pesticide and other chemicals, they should equally save money for qualitative seed.

SPS HOLDS 3RD BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

By: Haruna Job



REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VC, PROF. UDENSI, THE REGISTRAR MR. KOLO AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS POSED FOR A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH PHOTO BY: IBRAHIM GBATE

The Vice-Chancellor, Federal University of Technology, Minna, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, FSSSN, has commended the School of Physical Sciences (SPS) for organizing a recognized international conference.

Prof. Bala gave this commendation when he declared open the 3rd Biennial International Conference of the School with the theme "The Role of Science and Technology in Realization of Research and Development in the Era of Pandemic", On Tuesday, October 26, 2021, at the CPES Hall, Bosso Campus.

The Vice-Chancellor who was

represented by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Emmanuel Emeka Udensi, congratulated the Dean of the School, Prof. Jonathan Yisa and other members of staff for organizing the conference.

He further encouraged interested participants in diaspora who could not make it to the conference physically to connect online through zoom.

Prof. Bala said the theme of the conference was timely and urged participants to utilize every knowledge garnered.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Dean (SPS), Prof. Jonathan Yisa, stated that the aim of the conference was to bring out the role of science and technology in this pandemic crisis driven period.

"Scientists are problem solvers rather than repeatedly talking about problems without providing solution", he reiterated.

He further called on the government to introduce streamlined platforms through which scientific research institutions could actualize their visions and missions.

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The keynote speakers include the Director General, National Research Development Agency, Dr. Halilu Ahmad Shaba; Group Head, NIGCOMSAT, Dr. Muhammed K. Alkali; the Chair, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, North

Carolina University Durham, U.S.A, Dr. Abdul K. Muhammed represented by Dr. Idris Jega and Dr. Derek Tantoh Ndinteh of the Department of Applied Chemistry, University of Johannesburg.

They maintained that important scientific researches done by various institutions should not be domiciled in the laboratories but rather be put to work and their benefits maximized in solving most societal Problem's.

FUTMINNA INAUGURATES STUDENTS' UNION EXCO, SRA

• EXTEND HANDS OF FELLOWSHIP TO LOSERS, VC URGES

By Abdullahi U. Danbakaba



THE VC (5TH, STANDING) IN A GROUP PHOTOGRAPH WITH THE NEWLY SWORN IN STUDENTS UNION OFFICIALS AND SOME MEMBERS OF THE UNIVERSITY STAFF

PHOTO BY: ELIJAH YISA

The newly inaugurated Students' Union (SU) Executives and members of the Students' Representative Assembly (SRA) have been advised to always relate with fellow contenders of the just concluded SU elections in piloting the affairs of the Union.

The VC, Prof. Bala who gave this advice shortly after the swearing-in of the newly elected officials of the Union on Friday, October 29, 2021 at the Senate Chamber, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano, stressed the need for the new student leaders to strictly conduct themselves within the ambit of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the University Act and the Student Union Consti-

tution, warning that violation of any of these sources of laws could attract sanctions.

He expressed appreciation to members of the Students' Union Independent Electoral Committee (SUIEC) for making themselves available to serve the University and ensuring that the process went almost seamlessly.

The Vice-Chancellor specially commended the committee for conducting the elections just within three weeks after it was inaugurated.

"You have done us proud," Prof. Bala said, adding that the University should serve as model

for the country, having successfully deployed technology for voting and transmission of election results.



New Students' Union President, Shuaib Ishaka Yahaya

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He further applauded the losers for gallantly accepting defeat, adding that it was an attestation of the fact that the process was transparent which gave no room for petitions.

"The essence of elections is to provide a forum and platform for which you contest. It is contrived in a manner that there must be losers and winners.

Once it is done and dusted, we all go back to the default state where the leaders are allowed to work," the Vice-Chancellor reiterated. Prof. Bala while expressing dismay over the indulgence of some students in fighting following the announcement of the election result, promised that the perpetrators would be appropriately sanctioned.

He also stressed the need for collaboration between the management and Students' Union in the fight against such vices like drug abuse, cultism, youth restiveness and cybercrime through sensitisation campaigns within the campus.

Earlier, the Dean of Students, Dr. Manasse Auta, thanked the Chairman of the Students Union Independent Electoral Committee (SUIEC), Prof. Adamu Kabiru for the conducting a credible election.

Dr. Auta disclosed that observers from different student bodies who witnessed the elections all testified that the process was free and fair. He added that the observers noted that FUT, Minna was the only University where the Management had no preferred candidate in the Students' Union elections.

While congratulating the victors, the Dean reminded them that, over the years, the University Management and staff had laid a foundation of peace and unity in the institution and expressed belief that the new student officials will join hands with the authorities to promote same.

On his part, SUIEC Chairman, Prof. Kabiru commended the electoral committee members and the contestants for their commitment towards the rancour-free elections.

He also acknowledged the compartment of the students of the University during the entire process.

Delivering his inaugural speech, the new President of the Students' Union, body in the University, Shuaib Ishaka Yahaya who noted that the ideals that underpinned the Students Union include leadership, ethics, creativity and cooperation, also disclosed that

students welfare would be of utmost concern to his administration.

The 500 level student of Entrepreneurship and Business Studies further vowed neither to support no tolerate any member of his administration who attempts to sow discord among members or fails to take the charge in their individual dormain.

Other officials of the newly inaugurated SUG include:

Abiola Olajumoke Emolayo (Vice-president I), Nwokocha Chidoze Clinton (Vice-president II), Abdulrahim Waliyu Ajekunle (General Secretary), Eze Christopher (Assistant General Secretary), Abdulrahim Aminat Moraranti (Financial Secretary), Olawole Touhid Opeyemi (Treasurer), Ayenda Oyewumi (Director of Sport), Chioms Peter Chioms (Director of Socials), Pius Omojade Stephen (Welfare Officer I), Ayarinlola Abdullatif Adekunle (Welfare Officer II) and Zakari Ya'u Yusuf Akande (Public Relations Officer)

Deputy Director, University Legal Unit, Mrs. Evelyn Hussaini administered the oath of office on the members of the Executive Council and the Students' Representative Assembly.

ESTATE MGT HONOURS FORMER HODS

By: Ugboaja, Stanley Uzoamaka



THE HOD, PROF. KEMIKI (4TH FROM LEFT) IN A GROUP SNAPSHOT WITH OTHER DIGNITARIES AT THE EVENT

PHOTO BY: STEPHEN SHAKWAGA

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The Department of Estate Management and Valuation, School Environmental Technology (SET), Federal University of Technology, Minna has honoured three of its former Heads of Department, Dr. Sunday Olatunji Oyegbile, ESV. Aderemi Oyewo and Prof. Isaac Ayodele Olatunji in recognition of their meritorious service to the department.

The former HODs were honoured at a valedictory party which took place on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at the SET Boardroom, Main Campus, Gidan Kwano.

The event had many dignitaries in attendance, while other participants joined online via Zoom.

Speaking at the event, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, fsssn, expressed gratitude to the Department of Estate Management and Valuation for organising the send forth party in honour of its former Heads of Department in recognition of their selfless service towards the advancement of knowledge in the field of Estate Management, as well as the training of top-notch professionals and academia who are making the Department and the University proud across the globe.

"This kind of event will spur others behind to serve diligently when given the chance to lead the department," he disclosed.

The Vice-Chancellor, who was represented at the event by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Admini-

stration), Prof. Emmanuel Udensi, fnip, congratulated the awardees for their exemplary service to the department, while noting that others after them have built upon the lofty foundation that they laid during their eventful tenures. Also, Prof. Bala advised the staff to continue to work together for the growth of the department and the University at large. Furthermore, he applauded staff and students of the department for winning different laurels for the University.

On his part, the Dean, SET, Arc. Prof. Remi Ebenezer Olagunju said the event was first of its kind in the School and commended the Department for remembering its former Heads of Department, adding that the award is well deserved judging by the notable contributions made by the awardees during their stewardship.

Prof. Olagunju thanked the Vice-Chancellor and other guests for making out time out of their busy schedules to be part of the event and wished the awardees well in all their future endeavours.

Speaking earlier, the Head of Department, Estate Management and Valuation, ESV. Prof. Olurotimi Adebawale Kemiki, FNIVS, stated that the event was organised to honour the academic titans of the department whose tenure of stewardship was characterized by notable accomplishments, adding that the alumni, staff and students of the department owe them a

debt of gratitude for their immeasurable contributions.

"Words cannot express how thankful we are to you all. With the solid foundation you have laid, the department has grown to be an enviable and leading provider of real estate education in Northern Nigeria. The successes of our alumni in both private and public sectors throughout the country is a testament of the quality of training that the department prides itself on.

"Recently, our department emerged national winner in the 2021 NIESV quiz competition organised for Estate Management students in Nigeria. This would not have been possible without your sacrifices and commitments to the service of the Department and indeed the University at large, "he disclosed.

Delivery the vote of thanks, Dr. (Mrs.) Naomi Ijadunola Popoola thanked dignitaries for attending the event and wished them journey mercies back to their various destination. Other dignitaries took turn to eulogise the awardees for their contributions to the department and the profession of Estate Management and Valuation in Nigeria.

Dr. Oyegbile laid the foundation for the establishment of the department and served as HOD from 1991 to 2002, ESV. Oyewo held sway as HOD from 2002 to 2004 while Prof. Olatunji served as HOD from 2013 to 2016.

PETROLEUM EXPLORATIONISTS CONGRATULATE FUTMINNA

The Nigerian Association of Petroleum Explorationists (NAPE), an affiliate of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists (AAPG) has congratulated the Federal University of Technology, Minna, over the emergence of the University as the overall winner of the NAPE/NMGS Mini-Conference Inter-University Quiz Competitions.

Two (2) students from the Department of Geology, Jeremiah Toluwani Oladipupo and Adedigba Ahmed Adekunle, represented the University in the competition which took place at Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka, Anambra State from 23rd to 26th September, 2021.

The congratulatory letter signed by NAPE President, Patricia Ochogbu, FNAPE and addressed to the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdullahi Bala, FSSSN read in parts: "Their triumph demonstrates the quality of Geological knowledge being impacted on them and other students by the dedicated and experienced Lecturers in their Department. We congratulate the Students, their Lecturers and the entire University Management for this feat".

APPOINTMENT



The Vice-Chancellor has approved the appointment of Dr. Mukhtar Abdulkadir of the Department of Chemical Engineering as Director, Nigerian Content Development and Monitoring Board, Centre of Excellence for Technology Development Studies, FUT, Minna for a period of Five (5) years with effect from 1st October, 2021 to 30th September, 2026.

INVITATION TO REGISTRY LECTURE

The Registrar wishes to invite the general public to the 5th Annual Registry Lecture of the Federal University of Technology, Minna on the theme: ***“Professionalism and the Challenges of University Administration in Nigeria”*** to be delivered by Mallam N. A. Belko, Registrar, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto which is scheduled as follows:

Date: **Thursday, 11th November, 2021**

Venue: **1000 Seater Capacity, University Auditorium Main, Campus, Gidan Kwano.**

Time: **10:00am**

COUNSELLING TIPS

Avoid taking an undue advantage of someone's kindness. Cheating a good person is like throwing away a diamond and picking up a stone.

Guidance and Counselling Unit,
Students' Affairs Division.

MONEY MATTER

Weekly Financial Digest for Monday 18th October - Friday 24 October 2021

N/S	RECEIPTS	N
1	Transcript	1,090,440.00
2	Collection of Certificate	309,000.00
3	Verification /Proficiency in English	65,000.00
4	Commercial Activities Motorcycle	12,000.00
5	Turnitin Undergraduate	4,500.00
6	Commercial Activities Shop	150,000.00
7	Teaching Practice	42,000.00
8	Inter University Transfer	20,000.00
9	Purchase of Academic Gown	38,000.00
10	Clearance fees	920,000.00
11	Prepaid Meter	32,000.00
12	Semesterial Result	1,300.00
13	Acceptance Fees	60,000.00
14	Registration Fees Pre-Degree	916,500.00
15	Postgraduate School Fees	18,389,000.00
16	Undergraduate School Fees	18,439,800.00
17	Sales of Forms Pre-Degree	45,000.00
18	Hostel Accommodation fees	1,285,000.00
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	41,819,540.00

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19	Contractors/Suppliers	
	(i) Staff	
	(a) Advance	2,864,400.00
	(b) Refund /Payment to Staff	1,484,880.00
	(ii) Contractors/Suppliers	
	(a) W. Chibuke Nig. Ent. Ltd. - Retention	413,918.67
	(b) Mahadi Services & Resources Ltd. - Construction	23,350,488.72
	(c) Aqua Source Construction Company Ltd. - Construction	33,607,080.63
	(d) Equal Project Ltd - Construction	30,192,673.29
	(e) Kadforex Integrated Services - Construction	23,316,705.98
	(f) Jamub Construction Nig. Ltd. - Construction	11,753,989.00
	(g) Moblix Nig. Ltd. - Construction	13,699,059.19
	(h) Moblix Nig. Ltd. - Construction	15,309,256.73
	(i) Jamub Global Services Nig. Ltd. - Construction	31,995,523.10
	(i) J & H Library Consult - Renovation	1,106,493.20
	(k) Sanjir Excellent Prod. Ltd. - Renovation	562,147.45
	TOTAL PAYMENTS	189,656,615.96